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| Status | | | | | |
| 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 13 Ju | <u>ıly 2001</u> . | | | | |
| • | action is non-final. | | | | |
| 3) Since this application is in condition for allowar | Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is | | | | |
| closed in accordance with the practice under Ex parte Quayle, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213. | | | | | |
| Disposition of Claims | • | | | | |
| 4)⊠ Claim(s) 1_68 i s/are pending in the application. | | | | | |
| 4a) Of the above claim(s) is/are withdrawn from consideration. | | | | | |
| 5) Claim(s) is/are allowed. | | | | | |
| 6) Claim(s) is/are rejected. | · | | | | |
| 7) Claim(s) is/are objected to. | | • | | | |
| 8) 🗵 Claim(s) 1-67 are subject to restriction and/or election requirement. | | | | | |
| Application Papers | | | | | |
| 9)☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner. | | | | | |
| 10)☐ The drawing(s) filed on is/are: a)☐ accepted or b)☐ objected to by the Examiner. | | | | | |
| Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a). | | | | | |
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| 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152. | | | | | |
| Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119 | | | | | |
| 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f). a) All b) Some * c) None of: | | | | | |
| 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received. | | | | | |
| 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No | | | | | |
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| application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)). * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received. | | | | | |
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| 1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) 4) Interview Summary (PTO-413) | | | | | |
| 2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | | | | | |
| 3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08) Paper No(s)/Mail Date | 5) Notice of Informal P 6) Other: | atent Application (PTO-152) | | | |
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1. Restriction to one of the following inventions is required under 35 U.S.C. 121:

I. Claims 1-42, drawn to a system for printing a value by means of a graphical user interface for installing software for the printing of value bearing item using a server subsystem for communication over the Internet. The claims are also drawn to a postage printing system that includes a graphical user interface for downloading software for postage printing. Classified in class 705, subclass 60.

- II. Claims 43-68, drawn to method for displaying a graphical user item for registering a user while establishing communication with the server in addition to entering user information into the server. Classified in class 345, subclass 133 and 156.
- 2. The inventions are distinct, each from the other because on the following reasons:

Inventions I and II are related as subcombinations disclosed as usable in a single Combination. The subcombinations are distinct form each other if they are shown to be separ ately usable. In the instant case, invention I has a separate utility such as a system is used for printing a value-bearing item connected to a client subsystem for interfacing with graphical user interface software, used to register user in the system. Invention II has separate utility such as a method for printing a value bearing item over the internet. See MPEP 806.05(d).

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Because these invention are distinct for the reasons given above and have acquired a separate

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status in the art shown by their different classification, restriction for examination purposes as

indicated is proper.

Conclusion

Any concerns in regard to this communication, the examiner Jon Bass can be reached at

(571) 272-6905 between the hours of 9-6pm Monday through Friday. The fax number for the

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